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Goodwin to speak at 1998 commencement

Goodwin, Massey, Schorr, Snowe and Updike to receive honorary degrees

Doris Kearns Goodwin, a Pulitzer Prize-winning author and historian, will speak at the 132nd commencement at Bates College Monday, May 25.

Joining Goodwin as honorary-degree recipients will be Morehouse College President Walter E. Massey, National Public Radio correspondent Daniel L. Schorr, U.S. Sen. Olympia J. Snowe, R-Maine, and Pulitzer Prize-winning writer John H. Updike.

Donald W. Harward, president of Bates College, will confer bachelor's degrees on approximately 385 seniors in an outdoor ceremony at 10 a.m. in front of Corum Library. In case of rain, the graduation exercises will be held in the nearby Margaret Hopkins Merrill Gymnasium.

■ Doris Kearns Goodin

In 1995, Goodwin won the Pulitzer Prize in history for "No Ordinary Time: Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt: The Home Front During World War II." A New York Times best seller, "No Ordinary Time" also received the Harold Washington Literary Award, the New England Bookseller Association Award, the Ambassador Book Award and the Washington Monthly Book Award. Goodwin's book "The Fitzgeralds and the Kennedys" was made into a six-hour ABC miniseries in 1990, and the New York Times called her book "Lyndon Johnson and the American Dream" "the most penetrating political biography."

In her latest book, "Wait Till Next Year," Goodwin chronicled her own 1950s upbringing in the Long Island suburb of Rockville Centre. Her memoir reveals how she defined herself by her family, her street, her town, her Roman Catholic religion and her team, the Brooklyn Dodgers.

"What I was hoping to do was to put a window onto that era when baseball was central to people's lives, when corner stores gave you a sense of extended family," Goodwin said.

Goodwin has been a professor of government at Harvard University, an assistant to former President Lyndon Johnson during his last year in the White House and a regular commentator on American presidential history on the "News Hour" with Jim Lehrer. She also has been a consultant and commentator for Ken Burns' PBS special "The History of Baseball." A graduate of Colby College, she was a Woodrow Wilson Fellow while earning a

doctoral degree in government at Harvard University.

■ Walter E. Massey

Massey is the ninth president of Morehouse College in Atlanta, the nation's only historically black, all-male, four-year liberal-arts institution. He has been provost and senior vice president for academic affairs at the University of California and dean of the college and full professor of physics at Brown University. Appointed by former President George Bush to serve as director of the National Science Foundation, Massey also has served as vice president for research at the

University of Chicago and director of the Argonne National Laboratory.

Active in many organizations, Massey has served as chairman and president of the American Association for the Advancement of Science and vice president of the American Physical Society. He also has served on the National Science Board and the President's Council of Advisors on Science and Technology. He received a bachelor's degree in physics and mathematics from Morehouse, and master's and doctoral degrees in physics from Washington University.

■ Daniel L. Schorr

Schorr, the last of Edward R.

Murrow's legendary CBS news team still fully active in journalism, currently interprets national and international events as senior news analyst for National Public Radio (NPR). He is heard regularly on "Weekend Edition" and "All Things Considered," NPR's award-winning daily news program. He also provides analysis during NPR's live coverage of major news events and serves as host for "Question Time On NPR," a two-hour call-in program during times of national crisis.

In the United States, Schorr has covered government con-

troversies ranging from Sen. Joseph McCarthy's 1953 hearings on communism to the Iran-Contra affair in the 1990s. In 1972,

the Watergate break-in brought Schorr a full-time assignment as CBS's chief Watergate correspondent. His exclusive reports and coverage at the Senate Watergate hearings earned him three Emmys. He unexpectedly found himself a part of his own story when the hearings turned up President Nixon's "enemies list" with his name on it and evidence that the president ordered him investigated by the FBI.

Schorr has earned many awards during his half-century journalism career, including

a Gold Baton from the Alfred I. duPont-Columbia University organization, citing his contributions to radio and television reporting and commentary. He has received a Peabody Award and the George Polk Award for his interpretations of national and international events. He also has been inducted into the Society of Professional Journalists' Hall of Fame.

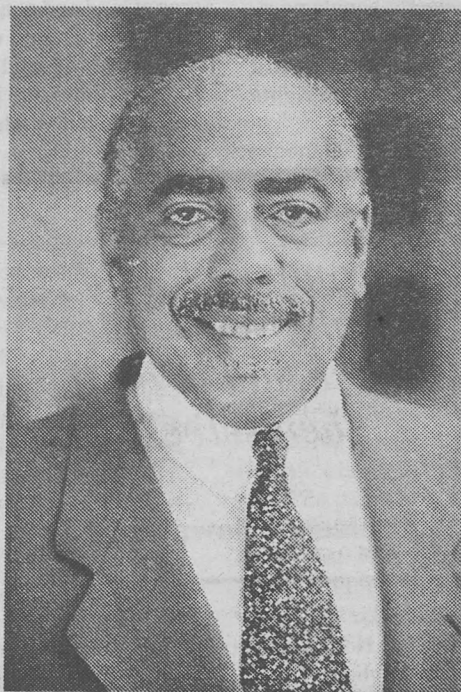
■ U.S. Senator Olympia J. Snowe

Snowe is known nationally for her work on budget-deficit reduction, fiscal issues, student financial aid, health care, women's issues, education technology and foreign affairs. In the 105th Congress, she has been a member of the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science and Transportation, for which she is chairwoman of the Subcommittee on Oceans and Fisheries. Snowe also serves on the Senate Committee on Armed Services, the Budget Committee and the Committee on Small Business.

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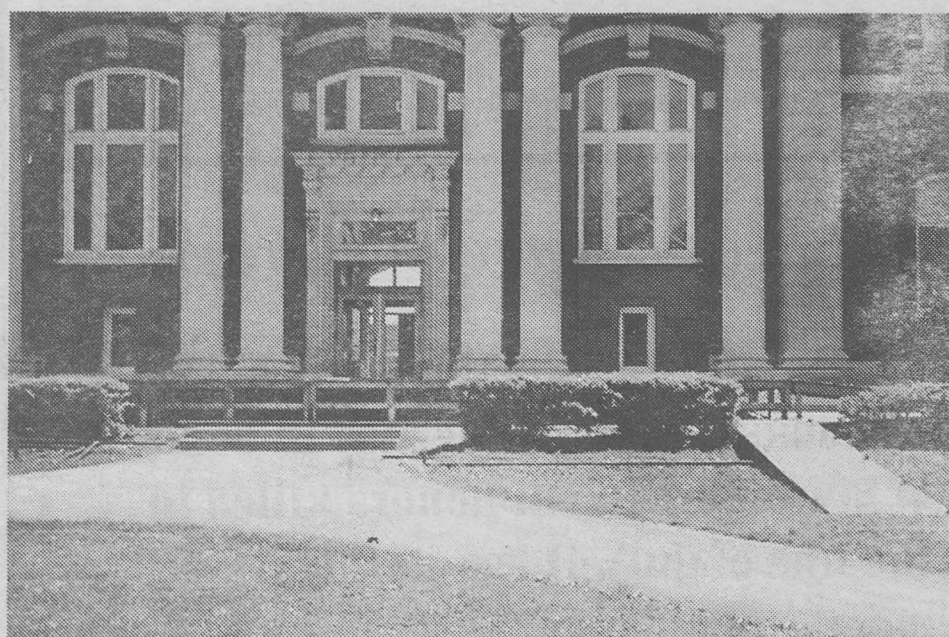
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Quote of the week:

"I don't know what's wrong with my television set. I was getting C-Span and the Home Shopping Network on the same station. I actually bought a congressman."

— Bruce Baum



As commencement nears, preparations take shape for graduation 1998.

Ellen Leiba photo

News

Civil rights historian Zinn speaks at Bates

By DAVID LIEBER
Features Editor

Speaking to an eclectic conglomeration of students, faculty, and activists on May 7 at Muskie Archives, Professor Howard Zinn, arguably the preeminent civil rights historian in the United States, said that the notion of economic justice is inextricably linked with the continuing battle for civil rights.

"There is no economic bill of rights so people have had to do it themselves," said Zinn. "People have to make the changes themselves whether they're in the Constitution or not. How come there's no right

to health care for everybody? How come there's no right to a job for everybody?"

Blending scholarship with activism, Zinn offers a different historical perspective on the civil rights movement because of his involvement in it.

"I became a participant and a writer about what was happening in the south," said Zinn.

In his address, Zinn criticized the federal government for being passive and reluctant in advancing civil rights during the 1950's and 1960's.

"Changes were never initiated by the three branches of government, but by activists at the grassroots level," said Zinn.

Zinn said that the Reconstruction Amendments, which (among other things) prohibited slavery, provided for equal protection of the law, and granted African-American males the right to vote, were "totally ignored for 100 years. Every President, Democratic or Republican, liberal or conservative, violated his oath to office."

Zinn argued that these amendments still left African-Americans with a host of

economic problems.

"Blacks were still poor, and it was promised to them, but not given to them [40 acres of land and a mule].... The idea of black people owning land was a radical and revolutionary idea," said Zinn.

Zinn said that Martin Luther King was a valuable asset to the civil rights movement

because he "became involved in organizing people around economic issues." Zinn emphasized that Martin Luther King's vision for the United States was much more comprehensive than his "I Have a Dream" speech.

"He [Martin Luther King] wanted a fundamental change in

the economic system," said Zinn. Zinn cautioned his audience against construing successful legislative and legal battles as victories for the civil rights movement.

"Behind political rights is always the issue of who has the money.... We're not taught to think about it," said Zinn. "We need to begin thinking in class terms."

Zinn reserved his harshest criticism, however, for American foreign policy, and particularly the military-industrial complex. Zinn said it is unconscionable for the United States to be spending \$260 billion a year on defense, picking fights with "imaginary enemies."

"Corporations are making huge profits from defense

contracts. They're not defense contracts. They're war contracts," said Zinn.

Assistant Professor of History Hilmar Jensen brought Zinn to campus in conjunction with his short term class, "The Civil Rights Movement." In addition to giving a public lecture in Muskie Archives, Zinn also talked to students in Jensen's class for three hours earlier in the day.

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College to confer honorary degrees

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Before her election to the senate in 1994, Snowe represented Maine's Second Congressional District for eight terms in the U.S. House of Representatives. When she was elected in 1978 at the age of 31, she was the youngest Republican woman and the first Greek-American woman elected to Congress.

As a member of the House, Snowe earned respect for her leadership as co-chair of the Congressional Caucus for Women's Issues.

Snowe served in both the Maine House of Representatives and the Maine Senate. She was first elected to the Maine House in 1973 to the seat vacated by the death of her first husband, Peter Snowe. She was re-elected for a full two-year term in 1974. In 1976, she was elected to the Maine Senate and was chair of the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Institutional Services, for which she gained recognition for her work on health-care issues and for sponsorship of health-care legislation.

Snowe graduated from Edward Little High School in Auburn and received a bachelor's degree in political science from the University of Maine.

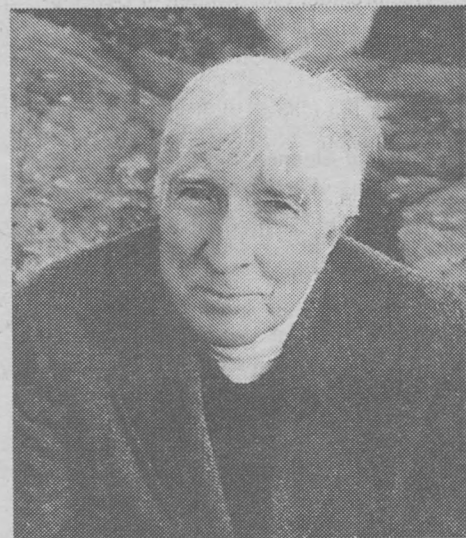
■ John H. Updike

Novelist, poet, playwright, essayist and short story writer Updike has been lauded for his well-crafted prose in which he explores the often hidden tensions of middle-class American life. Among his best-known works are the four novels about the life of his character Harry "Rabbit" Angstrom: "Rabbit Run" (1960); "Rabbit Redux" (1971); "Rabbit is Rich" (1981), for which he received the Pulitzer Prize, the American Award for Fiction and the National Book Critics Circle Award; and "Rabbit at Rest" (1990), for which he received a Pulitzer Prize and the National Book Critics Circle Award.

Updike also received the Rosenthal Award for "The Poorhouse Fair" and the National Book Award for Fiction for "The Centaur." His 1983 collection of essays, "Hugging the Shore," received the National Book Critics Circle Award for Criticism. He has received the rank of Commandeur de l'ordre des arts et des lettres from the French government and the Howells Medal from the American Academy of Arts and Letters. Updike is a 1954 graduate of Harvard College and recently received the Harvard Arts Medal, an award that recognizes alumni accomplishments in the arts.



U. S. Senator Olympia J. Snowe to receive honorary degree.



John H. Updike to receive honorary degree.

Graduation '98

WOO-HOO!

Just in case you're wondering:

The flag on the Quad has been at half-mast since Wednesday in honor of law enforcement honors killed in the line of duty. It is a national memorial observance.

The Admissions Office sends enormous thanks to Strange Bedfellows and The Deansmen for their wonderful performances during the April Accepted Students Receptions!

THANK YOU!

Bates names vice-president for development and alumni affairs

Victoria M. Devlin is the new vice president for development and alumni affairs at Bates College, President Donald E. Harward announced.

"We are exceedingly pleased with Ms. Devlin's appointment. She is a leader in her field, and we look forward to the vision and talents she brings to the college," Harward said. "Her selection positions Bates to build upon its significant fund-raising successes of the last several years."

Prior to her arrival at Bates last month, Devlin served as vice president for development and marketing at WGBH Educational Foundation in Boston, where she was responsible for all development activities, including annual fund and membership, major gifts, auction, local and national corporate as well as local and national foundation activities for the nation's largest public broadcaster.

An accomplished manager and development officer with responsibility for a 120-person staff, at WGBH she initiated breakthrough development programs and built a major gifts program in an organization that had relied heavily on annual giving and corporate sponsorship. Before going to Boston, Devlin held a similar position as senior vice president for development and marketing at WETA in Washington, D.C.

A Holy Names College graduate, Devlin completed graduate studies in comparative literature and secondary education at the University of California, Berkeley.

Vice president for Women in Development of Boston, Devlin has served on the Founder's Board, The Children's Inn at the National Institutes of Health, Washington, D.C.; and on the board of directors, Woods Hole Foundation, Woods Hole, Massachusetts.

Overseeing a 28-person development and alumni affairs staff at Bates, Devlin will



New Vice president for development and alumni affairs Victoria M. Devlin.

plan and direct the college's initiatives in the areas of annual, capital and endowment fundraising, as well as alumni programming for 15,600 Bates graduates worldwide.

Annually, Bates College raises in excess of \$10 million from nearly 11,000 donors, including alumni, parents, friends, corporations and foundations. In 1996, Bates concluded a \$50.3-million fund-raising campaign, which helped push the permanent endowment to \$150 million, a total that has tripled in less than a decade. Ongoing fund-raising initiatives at Bates include securing support for the new \$18-million academic building of 91,000 square feet, scheduled for fall 1999 completion.

"Franco Festivities" to be shown at Bates

"Franco Festivities," a documentary about Maine's Franco-American culture by Maine filmmaker Francis Gagnon, will be shown in the Bates College Olin Arts Center Sunday, May 17, at 1 and 3:30 p.m. The 30-minute color film examines Lewiston's Festival de Joie and Biddeford's La Kermesse to reveal the strength of Maine's Franco-American communities and their eagerness to celebrate and share their heritage with others. Gagnon will introduce each showing with his insights and observations about the filmmaking process. Admission is \$3 and tickets are available at the door only. For more information call 207-782-0386.

A program of live music and dance will follow each screening, featuring jigs and reels played by Group de Joie and traditional French and Irish dancing by Cathedral School Folk Troupe, a multinational ensemble of fifth- and sixth-graders from Portland. Montreal dance master and musician Benoit Bourque will perform following the 1 p.m. show.

Organized by the Franco Folk Arts Cooperative and sponsored by the Bates College Department of Classical and Romance Languages and Literatures, the film opening is the next event in Lewiston-Auburn's ongoing Renaissance Series of community cultural events.

THINK -- It gives you something to do while the computer is down.

Stevens to discuss "Mathematical Inequalities, Social Inequities and Science Education"

Christine Stevens, professor of mathematics and computer science at Saint Louis University, will discuss the consequences of more men than women entering careers in mathematics, science and engineering in her talk "Mathematical Inequalities, Social Inequities and Science Education" at Bates College Monday, May 18, at 7:30 p.m. in Skelton Lounge, Chase Hall. The public is invited to attend free of charge.

With a rubber duck, you're never alone.

— Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy

The Needle: Breaking the Bates Bubble

Compiled By MATT BROMLEY
Staff Writer

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<http://www.tf1.fr/cgi-bin/tf1/maj.cgi?infos&sommairefr.htm>

■ Indonesia — State of Insurrection

Hundreds of people pillaged stores and burned cars last Thursday in Jakarta. It was the third day of riots which have already killed at least nine people and have forced the president, Suharto, to shorten his foreign travel. The army has deployed 15,000 soldiers in order to reestablish calm in the Indonesian capital.

These incidents were spotted in many different points through Jakarta, a metropolitan area with more than 10 million inhabitants. The forces of order present in the downtown area have been unable to inhibit the pillaging.

M. Suharto had to return, last Thursday, to Jakarta, from Egypt, where he had to decide to cut his stay short by one day. He announced that he would return if he lost the people's confidence. He addressed the Indonesian colony in Egypt.

At least nine people, among whom were six students killed last Tuesday, have died in the riots. Tens of others were wounded by rubber or real bullets fired by the riot police.

■ India — Nuclear Tests: Condemnation and Sanctions

Last Wednesday, the United States announced, economic sanctions against India. The sanctions were preceded by the previous days two underground nuclear tests which evoked nervousness through the world. The two tests came after a another testing episode last Monday.

Pakistan, the adversary and neighbor of India, announced that they will take all necessary measures in order to guarantee security and qualified the last series as "irresponsible."

In response, the White House announced that the United States will take economic sanctions against Pakistan and in neighbors conducting nuclear tests, as they did against India.

President Clinton asked, over the telephone, the Pakistani Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif to "resist temptation to react to an irresponsible act of this manner." He admitted that he did not know if, "this will pass," and otherwise said that he would give no guarantee that Pakistan will not do the same.

■ USA — The American Unknown Soldier takes air.

The remains of the American Unknown Soldier from the Vietnam War was exhumed, last Thursday, from Arlington National Cemetery after being identified by a medical test.

The parents of nine missing soldiers, who could be the Unknown Soldier, and the United States Secretary of Defense, William Cohen, notably participated in the military ceremony that marked the unprecedented opening of the sacred site.

TO THE CLASS OF 1998 CONGRATULATIONS FROM ALL WHO HAVE GRADUATED BEFORE YOU

On May 25, 1998 when you receive your diploma, you will automatically become a member of the Bates College Alumni Association, a membership you will hold for life.

With your MIRROR yearbook you will receive the handbook, LIFE AFTER BATES, which will tell you how to stay connected with the College, your classmates and other Bates Alumni wherever you may travel.

Your Bates Connection on campus is the Alumni House. Scott Steinberg '86 is the Director of Alumni Relations; Scott Marchildon '95 is Assistant Director. Sandy Osgood and Carol Snow are staff members ready to answer your questions.

Welcome aboard!

Nancy Higgins '81, President
Bates College Alumni Council

When I reflect upon the number of disagreeable people who I know have gone to a better world, I am moved to lead a different life.

Pudd'nhead Wilson's Calendar

U-Wire: College news from around the country

Frito-Lay recalls snack after student finds flaw

By JASON ENGLEMAN
The Stanford Daily (Stanford U.)

An unhappy study break for an economics doctoral student resulted in a major recall by Frito-Lay, the snack foods division of PepsiCo, Inc.

Raphael Thomadsen had been studying late in the economics building with some friends when he decided he needed a little snack.

After examining the ingredients on his package of Grandma's Homestyle Fudge Chocolate Chip Big Cookies, Thomadsen noticed that the ingredients made no mention of eggs.

Being allergic to eggs, Thomadsen was happy to find a snack that he thought suited his dietary needs. After biting into the cookies, though, he soon discovered that he had been misled.

"I ate a couple of bites, and I was sick right away," Thomadsen said. "I was pretty unhappy that evening."

Thomadsen immediately called the toll-free number on the back of the package to complain to Frito-Lay.

Initially, they just said that they would look into the matter and send him some free coupons.

A couple of days later, company representatives called him back and told him there would be a recall of one point five million packages of the cookies because the labels on the bags fail to list eggs among the ingredients.

Thomadsen said that Grandma's Cookies were originally considering two different recipes for the Fudge Chocolate Chip cookies.

The ingredients listed on the package were for the recipe that was not used.

According to the Associated Press, the company said anyone with allergies or severe sensitivity to eggs risks a serious or life-threatening reaction if they eat the product.

The Frito-Lay response was "about what I had hoped they would do," Thomadsen said.

According to company spokeswoman Lynn Markley, all other Grandma's Cookie varieties are labeled correctly and are not involved in the recall.

Grandma's Homestyle Fudge Chocolate Chip Big Cookies with freshness dates ranging from June 2 to August 11 have been pulled from stores.

As compensation for his grievances, Thomadsen has received coupons for seven free Frito-Lay products.

Financial aid bill penalizes drug users

By CORALIE CARLSON
Minnesota Daily (U. Minnesota)

House members overwhelmingly approved a higher education bill late Wednesday that would preserve affirmative action and boost financial aid as long as recipients aren't pushing drugs.

The Higher Education Act, which shapes federal financial aid and program funding for the next five years, passed by a 414-4 vote. The bill would lower interest rates on student loans and raise caps on Pell Grants while limiting eligibility for drug offenders.

Officials expect the Senate to start floor debate on companion legislation as early as today. After it passes through the Senate and a conference committee, President Clinton must sign the bill to make it law.

Clinton already threatened to veto the legislation, insisting the student loan provisions are too generous to banks. But House officials said Clinton's opposition won't block the bill.

"We're confident that with veto-proof majority we can push this through the House and Senate and send it to the administration," said Bill McCarthy, press secretary for the Committee on Education and Work Force. More than two-thirds of members voted to pass the bill, which would be enough to overcome a veto.

Interest rates on student loans would drop from 8.2 percent to 7.4 percent on July 1. Fearing the lower rates will drive banks out of the programs, the House plan subsidizes banker's losses — against the administration's wishes.

In another financial aid boost, representatives increased the maximum amount of money awarded to students through Pell Grants. For the 1998-99 school year, the maximum Pell Grant is \$3,000. This bill would boost that number to \$4,500 for the follow-

ing year and \$5,300 for 2003-2004.

"The intent and the philosophy are excellent," said Phil Lewenstein, director of communications for the Minnesota Higher Education Services Office. "The question is, how much will they really fund?"

Lawmakers need to fund the Pell Grant program on an annual basis, which they historically have not done, Lewenstein said.

Not all students will reap the financial aid rewards. The bill bars students convicted of drug offenses — including possession and sales — from receiving aid.

Under these new guidelines, students become ineligible for aid for one year after their first conviction, two years following a second conviction and indefinitely after a third.

Allen St. Pierre, executive director of the National Organization for the Reform of Marijuana Laws, argued that students could rape, murder or steal without facing such harsh penalties.

"That's very inconsistent language, to say the least," St. Pierre said.

After heated floor debates, lawmakers wrung out two provisions from the bill that the higher education community considered unfriendly, said Tom Etten, director of federal relating race or gender in enrollment policies. The amendment is the third one at the University.

The House voted 249-171 against an amendment prohibiting universities that receive federal funds from attempt by Republicans this session to implement anti-affirmative action policies.

Legislators also extracted a measure requiring colleges to notify athletes four years in advance before dropping sports programs. Etten said universities nationwide expressed concern about this government interference in campus affairs.

"I think in terms of keeping the bad stuff out of this bill, we did OK," Etten said.

Harvard President Wins Affirmative Action Victory

By DAVID A. FAHRENTHOLD
and JAMES Y. STERN
Harvard Crimson (Harvard U.)

As one of his personal crusades faced a critical Congressional test this week, President Neil L. Rudenstine flexed Harvard's political muscle and won a big victory on Capitol Hill.

On the table was the Riggs Amendment to the Higher Education Act. The measure, proposed by Rep. Frank Riggs (R-Calif.), would have ended Federal funding for all universities and colleges considering race, ethnicity and gender in admissions decisions, amounting to the end of affirmative action in university admissions.

The measure was opposed by "everyone in higher education," according to Peter Smith, a spokesperson for the Association of American Universities.

Rudenstine has long been outspoken about the need for affirmative action.

According to Harvard Vice President for Government, Community and Public Affairs James H. Rowe '73, Rudenstine "picked up the phone" when the amendment was announced and became the leader of an ad hoc coalition against the measure.

"There was no question what Neil thought about this," said Terry W. Hartle, senior vice president of the Washington-based American Council on Education (ACE), which opposed the amendment.

Rudenstine's efforts began with a letter to Massachusetts' Congressional representatives in which he said the Riggs amendment could "have grave consequences for American higher education as a whole."

Rudenstine telephoned and faxed allies and Congressional leaders. Harvard lobbyists based in Washington and Cambridge armed politicians with ideological ammunition — talking points and quotes for speeches.

But the coalition's leaders said Rudenstine's personal involvement was key — the Harvard name making his personal

soapbox a bully pulpit for influencing lawmakers.

"The president of Harvard is by definition one of the most influential leaders in American higher education," Hartle said. "It was of incalculable value to have the president of Harvard take a strong stance on this issue."

Various revisions to the amendment illustrate the power of Harvard's lobby, according to Diane Hampton, a legislative analyst for the ACE.

Riggs changed his proposal, first by exempting historically single-sex institutions and finally by rewriting his amendment to affect only public institutions.

According to Rowe, Riggs' revisions had no effect on Rudenstine's determination to defeat the proposal.

"Neil got on the phone right away and urged [the coalition] to continue their battles," Rowe said. "[We wanted it to be] a clear signal that the person in the center of the debate was only going to redouble his efforts."

The revised amendment finally failed by a vote of 249 to 171. Rowe said he saw the results of higher-education lobbying in the 55 Republicans who voted against their party's bill.

University of Texas President Larry R. Faulkner, who is currently fighting affirmative action battles of his own, said he had expected the measure to fail, but was mindful of the effects of Rudenstine's efforts.

"The President of Harvard carries a great deal of weight in national decisions," Faulkner said.

Though Rudenstine never left Cambridge as the debate heated up, Rowe said the Harvard name allowed him to make a difference without making a trip to Washington.

"[Rudenstine] is not someone who has to be the most visible in order to be the most effective," Rowe said.

Bald eagle could leave nest of list's protection

By CRAIG HAMPSHIRE
Independent Florida Alligator (U. Florida)

George and Ariel have been at the Santa Fe Community College Teaching Zoo since they were young adults.

George, a male bald eagle, is blind in one eye. Ariel, a female bald eagle, has a damaged wing. But their problems are small compared to the rest of the bald eagle population.

The national bird could be removed from the Endangered Species Act, a move that has students who work with these birds concerned.

Bright Alderman and Misty Krinsky, SFCC veterinary technician and zookeeper training program students, work with these birds on a regular basis.

"In the field that we're in, it's great that an endangered species is taken off the list, but we still need to be concerned about setting aside habitat land with the future growth of the area," Alderman said.

It is too early to think the bald eagle is out of danger, Krinsky said.

With the eagle's removal from the list, people might assume there is an abundance of them, she said.

The future growth of Gainesville, particularly in the outer regions of the city,

slowly is affecting the bald eagle's habitat.

"As an endangered species, the bald eagle can be used as a powerful tool for the protection of wetlands," Krinsky said.

The protection of several significant wetlands near the city, such as Payne's Prairie and Newnan's Lake, is vital if other eagles like George and Ariel are to continue thriving in Alachua County, Alderman said.

Alachua County ranks second in the state of Florida in the number of nesting bald eagles.

When Ariel recently laid eggs at the zoo, the young birds were transported to South Carolina where they entered a "reintroduction school."

The object of this school is to prepare the young birds for life in the wild, Alderman said.

Kathy Russell, curator at the zoo, acknowledges the bald eagle has come back from the dangers of the banned pesticide DDT, which causes eggshells to thin.

Another problem with the bald eagle, like many birds, is that it does not react well to human intervention. An eagle egg that has been touched by a human is ignored by the mother.

"They've made such a great comeback," Russell said. "This is a perfect area for them because of the many bodies of water."

Forum

Writer against degree for Snowe

By RENEE LEDUC
Staff Writer

As a member of the class of 1998, I am disressed by the choice of the President and Trustees of Bates College to present Sen. Olympia Snowe with an honorary degree at this year's Commencement exercises. Her actions during her first term in the United States Senate do not justify receiving such a prestigious award.

While Senator Snowe has been touted as a "moderate," her complete lack of action on the February 10th referendum here in Maine clearly shows that she is not as devoted to human rights as many may believe. She took no public stand on this referendum, which would extend human rights protections to all people in Maine. This is an issue that is extremely important to many in the Bates community, including faculty, staff, administrators, students and trustees. If she had taken a stand similar to those of Representatives John Baldacci and Tom Allen, and Governor Angus King, the outcome may have been different.

ferent.

On April 24, 1998, she made a strong statement about the referendum in Northern Ireland which may lead to future peace in the region. However, leadership from Snowe on the Maine human rights referendum was non-existent. The Senator said nothing on the extension of human rights for people of all sexualities in her own state, a debate that gripped Maine for much of the beginning of 1998.

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campaign finance reform, I believe that her complete lack of action on issues of basic human rights in Maine shows that she does not deserve such a prestigious award from Bates College.

Student fed up with reckless damage

Writer criticises our treatemt of dorms as immature and disrespectful

By REBECCA GOETZ
Staff Writer

The other day I was sitting in my new room enjoying the peace and quiet of the place, when I was for some strange reason compelled to go flipping through the course catalog.

I read something interesting, believe it or not.

"College houses and dormitories offer opportunities for shared learning, for lively dialogue, and for nurturing friendships."

Beautiful, isn't it? Read on, folks:

"The College expects Bates students to be responsible individuals who respect the rights of others and who may be trusted to regulate their lives with minimal interference and according to their own moral convictions."

A community of scholars. A utopian gathering of students dedicated to the ideals of mutual respect and minimal dorm damage.

Yeah right.

We all have our stories of excessive noise, wild parties, broken windows, and obnoxiously high dorm damage bills. I can tell those stories too. The "community of scholars" I lived in second semester this year was closer to living in a zoo than with human beings.

Let me list the grievances. Waking up

at 1am to find the walls of my room vibrating from other peoples' stereos, and on week-nights no less. Emerging from my room in the morning to find beer cans and cigarette butts, and sometimes tiles ripped from the ceiling strewn through the hallway. Walking into the bathroom to find the toilets obscured by vomit. My door vandalized with obscenities. The broken windows and holes kicked in the walls. I could go on, but doubtless most of you have experienced it all before.

Mutual respect? Responsible individuals? Moral convictions?

No folks, it's all about how much we don't respect each other. Our "party at all costs" mentality leaves us with trashed dorms and huge dorm damage bills. The physical damage we do to our surroundings remain as a testament to our immaturity, and to our inability to party without becoming horribly de-

structive. It also shows how disrespectful we are of the people who live around us.

Now understand, please, that I have nothing against parties. I have nothing against beer. And I have nothing against my fellow students enjoying themselves. But I don't understand why these things have to involve destroying our dorms and disturbing everyone. If we are mature, responsible

A community of scholars. A utopian gathering of students dedicated to the ideals of mutual respect and minimal dorm damage... Yeah right.

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How Bates Rates

Tom Bassett '98



Senior stages incredible comeback victory in tricycle race at Margarita's to win brand-new mountain bike. We submit that Margarita's should change its name to "Tommy's Place."

Lobster Bake



Volpi and cohorts never cease to amaze us. -Volpi for Prez in 2000!

Village I



You guys sure know how to throw a kegger. - Thanks for all the memories...and the hangovers.

Seinfeld



Disappointing last episode bores a certian Features Editor so much that he retires to the bathroom and loses his status as master of his domain.

Journalistic Integrity



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Editorial

Big wheel keep on turnin'

Institutional memory is short.

Rewind to September 1997. The birds sing happily in the warm late summer air; the class of 2001 bids their parents goodbye and settles in for their first dose of college life; the local fuzz is busy busting underage drinkers on and around campus. A new beginning to another year at Bates, to be filled with new events, new lessons, and new ideas. Or is it?

Looking back over the academic year, one can quickly name a handful of incidents that we think of as unique and identifying milestones.

Recent charges of rape and sexual assault against three male students left a shocked and questioning Bates student body wondering about the spectre of unreported sexual violence and harassment lurking within its midst.

The aftermath of Coming Out Weekend in the fall showed how a Coalition of Angry Students could struggle against an indifferent student body to bring about greater awareness.

At the outset of the year, a new, stricter alcohol policy sent social life at Bates to hell in a handbasket, as the Maine liquor enforcement bureau, facing political pressure, stepped up the enforcement of liquor laws on Maine's college campuses.

Though we think of these events as unique to this year, they all parallel past occurrences.

In 1992, a student was charged with sexual assault by the student conduct committee; he withdrew from Bates and was subsequently indicted on charges of gross sexual assault in Auburn District Court. Though he was not convicted, this case, like the ones that occurred this year, was prominent in local headlines and campus discussions.

Last year's email incident that sparked widespread discussion on issues of race was similar to the Coming Out aftermath in the way it affected discourse and change on campus. And just as the changes in the alcohol policy have prompted romanticized tales of the "good 'ole days" of Page and Den Terrace parties, so did an earlier paradigm shift in the Bates social scene prompt similar tales from old timers of a previous generation: The realignment of Milliken and the Bill that changed two popular party havens forever.

The defining experiences of each year at Bates are as much a part of a Bates education as seminars and finals. Each has its own message for those of us who witness these shared community moments.

Despite this, the fact that these similar events have repeated themselves suggest that the lessons learned through past crises on campus have been lost in the collective memory of the Bates community.

Is anyone to blame for the loss when it seems to occur naturally, inevitably, as seniors graduate and new first-years arrive in their place? Incoming students are most likely unaware of events preceding them.

Perhaps our experiences aren't as unique as they seem. We are reminded of the old adage: "Those who fail to learn history are doomed to repeat it."

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Alum supports accused student

Characterizes Bates disciplinary process as reckless, baseless

To the Editor:

Recent allegations of sexual assault are troubling. The allegation against the senior who was subsequently suspended is troubling and outright ridiculous. This student's suspension represents one, an abuse of the Student Conduct Committee process; and two, it denigrates valid claims of sexual assault and rape. The real victims in the recent circus at Bates are the accused and women who have legitimate claims of sexual assault.

Having intimate knowledge of this case, I will take the liberty to comment that the baseless allegation and the school's findings are reckless. They have destroyed the life of the accused and done immeasurable damage to his family. It is sick that a legally baseless charge was able to manifest into personal destruction and torment.

Many people have addressed the fairness of the Student Conduct process, so I won't waste any more energy on it. What I will say is that it is very troubling when a society allows its alleged victim to sit in judgment of the accused and mete out punishment accordingly. This is exactly what happened.

The accused student is a dear friend. He felt awful when the accuser told him that what once was a mutual sexual relationship was now rape. He wept. He felt that all he had stood for and believed in was no longer valid. His strong belief that discrimination based on ethnicity, sex, gender, etc. is wrong was no longer valid. How could they be? How can a rapist be against rape? His efforts on behalf of gay rights, against sexual assault and the wrongness of the Holocaust was for naught. Because in the eye of the accuser and those who believe her religiously, a rap-

ist is just as good as a homophobe or a Nazi. All his peers, people who regularly came to his apartment to hang out or talk, scattered like cockroaches before a light. They abandoned him. He was now a lonely rapist. She, on the other hand, had the full support of her peers and a tool of the school at her disposal. And with these two awesome powers, she drove him out of school.

On the night his judgment was rendered, at four in the morning, his accuser and her cohorts laughed at him. It was all a game to them. They laughed. She laughed. As he walked home, tears streaming down his face and bosom, his head hung low, they laughed. Echoes of that laughter still haunt. The shattered life of this boy was swept away in a sweep of laughter. It was all a joke. The next day, I could not find him anywhere. I tried, but I couldn't.

Wild thoughts went through my mind. Knowing my dear friend, I knew he was capable of hurting himself. A hurt so deep that only those who took their own lives because of great injustices knew how it felt. I found him, but my wild thoughts were not so wild as it turned out. I was mortified. His family was mortified. They are afraid to leave him alone.

He is living with the School's finding. She is living it up. She has moved on to a new boyfriend, he has moved on to a bleak future. Her life is back to normal, she has wild parties at her apartment, while he lies in his bed alone, staring at the ceiling and pinching himself in the hope that this nightmare will end. Her cohorts admire her for standing up for women's rights. Did I miss the joke somewhere? You bastards.

Respectfully submitted,
Tam Ly '96

Letters to the Editor

Women Making a Better Bates Atmosphere Together

New organization to provide information and support to first-year women

To the Women of the Class of '99,

In order to address some of the issues raised over the past year, we, a group of concerned women, got together and created WOMBBAT (Women Making a Better Bates Atmosphere Together). This is student run, Dean-free program at Bates between senior women (YOU) and first-year women. There seems to be a major lack of support and information for first-year women on this campus, and junior advisors do not always necessarily get the job done or get the information out. The available resources and channels seem inadequate in addressing specific concerns for women. WOMBBAT is asking you to volunteer a little bit of time which we believe will be greatly rewarded.

What does this entail? We have planned an initial "group bonding" event at the beginning of the year for everyone to meet

each other. Each of you will be assigned a few first-year women. Your role throughout the year would involve answering questions and responding to concerns, which we would prepare you for through a brief training program. The time commitment is as small or as great as you make it. Remember how long it took you figure out the Bates system first year, especially in a crisis situation?

We are asking each one of you to seriously consider volunteering some of our time and energy to make this a great group. We all believe that is incredibly important and can also be a lot of fun. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Ane Coughlin '99, or Kate Osborne '99. Sincerely,
WOMBBAT
(Women Making a Better Bates Atmosphere Together)

Letters to the Editor

Dorm damage

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adults interested in "shared learning, lively dialog, and nurturing friendships" we should be able to party without destruction.

I was lucky. I got to move to a quiet corner of Wood St. for Short Term. But I lived in hell for a semester, and none of my pleas to the students who lived around me or my complaints to the Deans lessened the noise, disrespect, or the damage I had to pay for.

If it is respect we want from the Administration, the Faculty, and our fellow students, I think we might start by examining the way we have fun, and make a commitment to understand that our parties don't have to be at the expense of our fellow human beings and the buildings we live in.

Too much effort to
throw that beer
bottle away in the
trash? Going to just
smash it on the quad?
Take a minute to
think of all the the
little kids, all our
pets, and all the
people who go
barefoot there and
around campus. Throw
your glass away in
the cans, and avoid a
scary trip for
somebody else to the
emergency room.

Readers react to letter supporting N.S.

Students redirect focus of judgment and implications of letter to editor

To the Editor:

Two charges of rape and two charges of sexual assault involving three women have been alleged against one student, N.S. So far we have only heard one side of this story. This is the side of the accused, his lawyer and his friends. This letter seeks to set the record straight. However, we can only do so within the rules established in the SCC which require the information presented at the hearing to remain confidential. Unfortunately, the letter "In defense of N.S." that appeared in last week's Bates Student disregarded this, and is a serious breach of the rights of the accusers. The accusers along with the Deans can not publicly defend themselves as it could jeopardize the appeals process. This silence, however, should not be construed as agreement.

First, the personal sacrifice and terror involved in bringing a rape charge against a fellow student should never be underestimated. No one wants to have the reputation of an accuser of rape, they have nothing to gain. The ultimate purpose of filing complaints is not to erase the horrid acts committed, but to promote a safer campus for everyone.

In regards to the article "SCC tackles rape, sexual assault cases" and the letter to the editor "In defense of N.S." that were published in the last Bates Student, there are many points regarding complainant B that need to be addressed. It is important to remember the case on trial is a rape case, not an assault case. All of the evidence regarding N.S. being at an out of town wedding has nothing to do with the rape case. Complainant B filed the rape report on February 8, weeks before the assault was alleged to have occurred. The implication, therefore, that the accusation of rape was brought as revenge for the dismissed assault case is simply not true.

The letter mentions a problem of "close relationships" between members on the SCC and witnesses of the hearing. By doing so the letter unfairly smears five distinguished members of our faculty and five hard working student volunteers. At a school of our size it would be impossible to find ten people who did not in some way know the witnesses. As a result, relationships between members of the committee and the witnesses are likely to include relationships with N.S. and his witnesses as well as with the accusers and their witnesses. Are we to infer that the defense's relationships were disregarded

and only the relationships with the accusers were considered? The SCC members may also excuse themselves from a case if they feel they are too personally attached.

Admittedly, an atmosphere of intolerance towards perpetrators of sexual violence exist on our campus. This atmosphere should exist on every college and every community in our country. The emotional response of intolerance to abhorrent behavior should not be touted as a defense of the accused.

Since the accusations, members of the accusers' cases have endured countless acts of verbal harassment. To all of you who have verbally harassed one of these people, we ask who's rights are being violated by such behavior? Are you following the procedural calls for fairness and due process by continuing verbal acts of hate?

Let's remember it is not the school's procedure that is on trial now. But rather, whether N.S. raped and sexually assaulted three women. Those of you who wish to compare the SCC's procedure to the procedure found in a court of law should also compare the consequences; that is expulsion to jail time.

Less than two percent of all reported rapes are falsified. Three women have come forward with accusations of rape or sexual assault against the same individual at great personal expense. Do you think that all three women are lying?

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Features

Of lobsters and affirmative action: The former dead, the latter alive at Bates

By DAVID LIEBER
Features Editor

In the midst of a nationwide backlash against affirmative action, Bates is holding its ground. Cited in publications such as Time, The New York Times, The Chicago Tribune, and The San Francisco Chronicle, the Admissions Office and the Affirmative Action Office is garnering attention for its commitment to diversity.

Associate Dean of Admissions and Director of Multicultural Recruitment Carmita McCoy shared her thoughts yesterday at the Lobster Bake.

David Lieber: What are the most significant barriers in recruiting students of color to Bates?

Carmita McCoy: Probably one of the major factors is location. Many students of color may not be as familiar with Maine because it's a pretty homogeneous state. Sometimes funding can be an issue, financial assistance, and obviously we are vying for a group of students that is very talented and just about every college and university in the nation is going after them, too.

DL: How do you think Bates has distinguished itself from other small liberal arts colleges in terms of multicultural recruitment?

CM: I think that Bates has been a success by making a commitment to diversity in the form of its egalitarian philosophy, and [in its] inviting students up for the October Weekend program as well as other programming, [and] encouraging or teaching diversity on a variety of fronts — religious diversity, geographic diversity, economic diversity, gender, lifestyle and such, and not apologizing for it.

Honesty about diversity at Bates may preclude or lessen culture shock when students arrive on campus.

DL: How do you go about recruiting students who are accustomed to diversity in their lives?

CM: I try to be as honest as I can so

the reality won't be a shock once they get here. I explain that we are actively seeking to diversify Bates College. We have not reached our goals as of yet, but we are actively trying. Right now, we have about 13 to 14 percent U.S. multicultural and international students here at Bates, and I explain that to prospective students. I also talk about them having an opportunity to experience Bates for themselves. Oftentimes students will come and visit and meet the people here at Bates, meet the faculty, and really fall in love with Bates.

DL: Do you think schools like Bates will face outside pressure to either scale back or eliminate affirmative action, and do you think this is a trend or something more permanent?

CM: I am hopeful that its not more perma-

nent. There's a lot of advantages to affirmative action that nobody hears, and a lot of people have benefitted from affirmative action. But I think people mistake affirmative action as a quota or quotas, or they mistake it as some students taking away opportunities from others, and that may not necessarily be true. As far as trends, I think that everyone is keeping their eye to the current legislation, and there's been a movement of late of people who are trying to restate the importance of affirmative action in places like higher education and some places in the workforce, where

there is still a tremendous amount of people who are underrepresented. People are very intrigued by this, and a lot of them are watching, and there's been some movement of officials from colleges, admissions organizations, financial aid organizations, college organizations in general that are beginning to step up to the plate and say "no." We think it's important to continue to encourage diversity. We would not like to scale back what we are doing.

DL: Do you think the reduction in minority admissions in the University of California and the University of Texas educational systems are going to change the way people think about affirmative action?

CM: Absolutely. I really believe that people are beginning to take a different approach

to affirmative action, and really think about the importance of diversity. There have been a couple of articles in the news of late stating the benefits of diversity. As we move into the next millennium, where one-third of our nation will be people of color, it makes a lot of sense that our students are preparing for that at the college level.

U.S. multicultural and international students currently comprise 13 to 14 percent of the Bates student body.

DL: What do you think about the President's Race Initiative?

CM: I think it's a nice movement to discuss openly and have opportunities for town hall meetings to discuss race. I'm not certain of where we'll

go from here. ... It's a long process to change attitudes.

DL: What do you anticipate the effect will be of all the media attention that's been placed on Bates in the past year with respect to affirmative action and multicultural recruitment? Are you noticing an increased interest among prospective students of color?

CM: We have a good number of inquiries about the college. There are a lot of applicants who are interested in visiting the college, and I'll be very interested to see in the coming year, because of the very positive press on diversity here at Bates, how that fares. We have a long way to go — don't get me wrong, but we certainly have a couple of nice things to think of in terms of going in the right direction.

What Seinfeld means to us, and yadda yadda yadda

By SARAH WALKER
Staff Writer

Who would have thought that the time would come for us to say goodbye to one of the most popular and talked-about sitcoms in television history?

It's sad but true, but yesterday from 8:45 p.m. to 10 p.m. was it — the final episode of the ol' gathering of one of the liveliest group of t.v. friends, Elaine, Jerry, George and Kramer.

According to Rolling Stone magazine, the now-famous last episode took nine days to shoot. It definitely showed!

Personally, "Seinfeld" has been one of my favorite shows. I'm not too big on t.v., but I usually tried to take time out of every Thursday night to tune in.

How can anyone not get a laugh out of the gang's endless array of mishaps and miscommunications? ...

Like the time when a button on the top of Elaine's blouse came undone, and her old boyfriend thought she was making a pass at him.

What about the time when Susan, George's fiancé, licked one too many wedding invitation envelopes, and, consequently, kicks the bucket, or that time when ... You get the point. It's all good.

Most of the Batesies I talked to were definitely going to watch the last episode, regardless if they were just minor fans or "Seinfeld" addicts.

Among those tuning in were Liz Kay '99, Rena Shpritzer '99 and Jen Rifkin '99 watched it practically every week.

Favorite characters, according to students on campus, range from Elaine's boss of the J. Peterman catalog to Puddy, Elaine's boyfriend, the one who's always saying, "yeah, that's right." The most amusing answer came from Rifkin, who bluntly said, "Elaine [is my favorite], because she's a pain in the ass like me."

However, the overwhelming response was ... Yeah, you guessed it ... The one and only Cosmo Kramer. You gotta love him, because as Katharine Enfinger '01 tidily put it, "he's funny."

I learned that most people who can

contest to being "Seinfeld" fanatics do not pause when asked what their favorite episode is.

Instead, they immediately begin rambling off things like, "you know that time when Jerry and George have to get a loaf of bread that's white and brown, and Kramer has to feed beans to a horse... and Kramer's a horse driver for a while..." Uh, no. Though I don't doubt it was a good one.

Laura Shearer '99 liked the episode when someone's golf ball got stuck in a whale's blow hole.

A sophomore woman said she had two favorites: "the one when George does the opposite of everything he usually does. He orders an egg salad instead of a tuna on rye, and meets a girl who likes the same thing. Then everything goes crappy for Elaine and Jerry." Her second choice was the friend chicken episode "where Jerry starts acting like Kramer, and Kramer starts acting like Jerry."

By the time this article has come out, the last episode of the show will have taken place. I'll still throw out a few Batesies'

speculations as to what they thought might happen, or wished to happen — before what actually happened, happened:

■ "Elaine and Jerry are going to get married" — Shearer

■ "George's fiancé, Susan, has to come back from the dead"; "Elaine's gotta do THE dance" — Kay

■ "Newman finally gets knocked off, and I hope they bring back the Soup Nazi" — aforementioned anonymous sophomore woman

■ "I'm counting on a good show" — Dalrymple

We were all expecting a memorable show.

I hope that it lived up to everyone's expectations, because, with the exception of all the many reruns to come, that's it, folks.

I don't know about anybody else, but I could go for one of those black and white cookies right now, a bag of Rold Gold pretzels, or perhaps a Drake Coffeecake...

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The Arts

Perusing the Portland Museum of Art

An afternoon visit reveals the diverse collection from painting to jewelry

By TANIA RALLI
Arts Editor

For years I've put off a visit to the Portland Museum of Art. My assumption that the collection was mediocre kept me away, yet this was pleasantly disproved during a visit this week.

The museum stands in the middle of downtown Portland, and if it weren't for its unusual architectural shapes, the red brick building would blend in with the rest of the city. This building has been standing for 15 years, and is currently celebrated by a series of previously unexhibited photographs hanging close to the entrance.

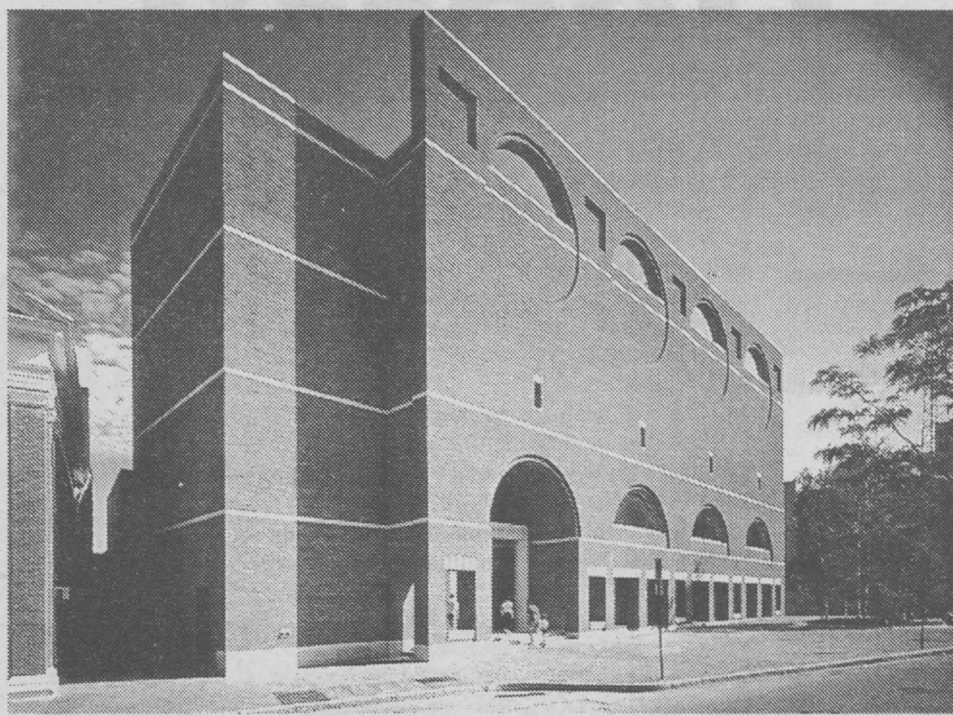
The photos were taken of the empty interior in 1983 by photographer Judith Turner after construction of the Charles Shipman Payson Building was completed. Each one has the diffused subtlety of a pencil drawing, capturing the angular shapes of the galleries. Since the photographs focus on the building, the museum itself is evaluated as a piece of art. Light on the walls is played up in contrast to the walls and floor, and the beauty of the building is emphasized.

Truly, walking through the open space of the museum is just as satisfying as viewing the artwork. On the top floor, a number of circular windows gaze over the bay. Along the staircases, curved 8-foot windows look out to the city life passing by below.

Special exhibits in the museum change frequently. While they may not be the blockbuster exhibitions the big city museums show, several are shown at a time, catering to a variety of tastes.

One such exhibition is "Masterpieces of Art Nouveau Jewellery: Tiffany, Lalique, Faberge, and their Rivals." Fifty pieces from private collections are on display, all made with a variety of precious metals and stones.

The pieces range from combs to an



The sleek building of the Portland Museum of Art is located close to the Old Port on Congress Street

unusual hand piece comprised of four connected rings linking to a bracelet which is simultaneously worn around the wrist. Certain pieces are shown in their original cases. The luxurious leather and velvet cases accommodate the jewelry's shape, and led me to wonder about the original recipient's delight.

A larger exhibit, probably targeted at summer tourists, can get a glimpse of how life should be, when viewing Winslow Homer's paintings of the Maine coast. "Winslow Homer: Facing Nature" opened last week to celebrate the Portland Museum of Art's 15th anniversary and the gift of 17 Winslow Homer works which were the impetus for the construction of the Charles

Shipman Payson Building.

The exhibit includes 13 watercolors, five oil paintings, and selected wood engravings from the museum's collection along with works from other private collections. The lucid watercolor paintings most effectively capture the clarity of the Maine landscape, whether a placid lake or vibrant fish.

The permanent collection has its strengths and weaknesses. The fourth floor is devoted to decorative arts, giving viewers an impression of what it might have been like to be rich during Colonial times. Nineteenth century portraits grace the walls, set behind writing desks and handwrought chairs.

A level lower, the American collection feels disjointed because it spans centuries

within one gallery; a regal marble Ulysses Grant presides over the space in a corner.

The next gallery is the first of several devoted to modern European art. The art is hung somewhat chronologically, giving the viewer a sense of the artistic development in Europe. Notable is painting by Paula Mondersohn-Becker using textured oil paint on the body of a reclining nude. Immediately to the right hangs an intriguing painting by Mary Cassatt of a child in a mother's arms whose face is obscured. The child's face is precisely painted in near imitation of Renoir, yet the rest of the canvas is curiously unfinished and appropriately titled "Helene is Restless."

The big names continue in the next gallery, hosting Picasso, Leger, Braque, Matisse and Magritte. These may not be the paintings whose posters adorn the walls of college dorms, but they are worth a gander nonetheless.

If you think no museum visit is complete without a stop at the museum shop, you'll find that the special exhibits go on. Instead of browsing through books and cards, I got caught up in a series of whimsical photos depicting an afternoon in the life of Picasso.

The photographs were taken in quick succession by Jean Cocteau on some Parisian streets and in a cafe. Picasso and friends engage in a range of silliness, but the images are intriguing because they are posed for the sake of being posed. The carefree artists' life is penetrated, making the viewing practically voyeuristic.

What makes the Portland Museum of Art so appealing is that the entire museum can be easily taken in during an afternoon visit. The small collection works to the museum's advantage because its scope of art can be quickly digested.

Gynecologist cowboys wrap up Performance Art Festival

In the final production of the four-week Bates Performance-Theater Festival 1998 Saturday at 8 p.m. in Gannett Theater, nationally recognized performance-theater artists Jim Calder and William Pope.L perform their collaborative work "The Buddy Project," in which two cowboy gynecologists set out on a quest for the male-grail. Special musical guests also will perform.

A New York City performance artist involved with solo pieces, group collaborations and directing, Calder's work has been seen at The Kitchen, Theatre for the New City and Performing Space 122. A recipient of the National Endowment for the Arts Fellowship in Performance, Calder has received a Jerome Foundation grant to present work at Franklin Furnace.

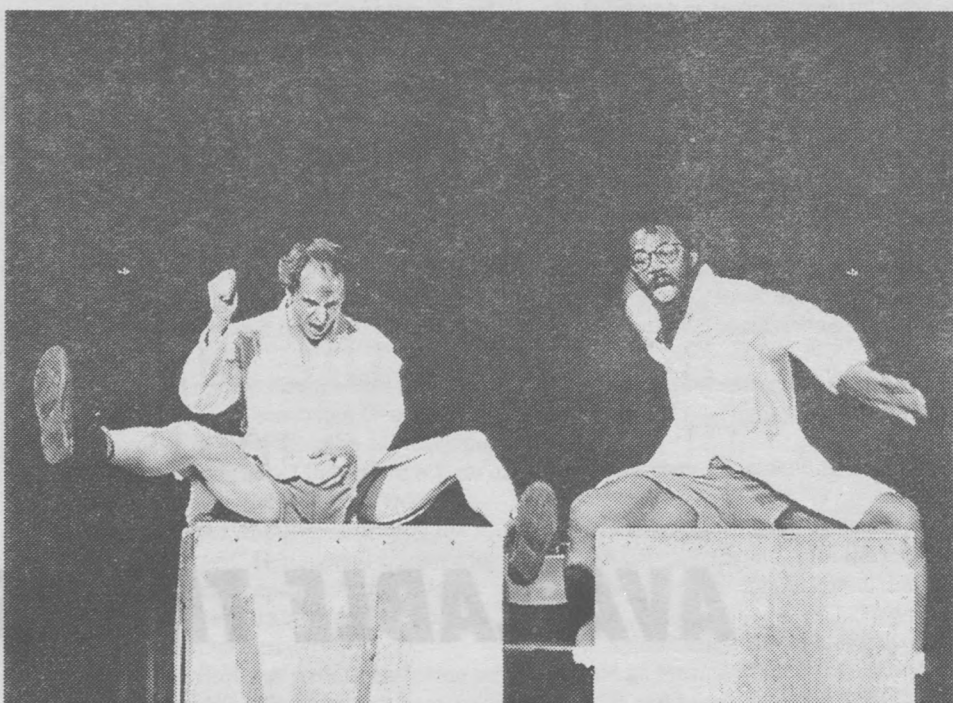
Currently a director and instructor at New York University Tisch School of Arts, Calder has been commissioned to direct numerous theater pieces in New York. He has performed in the Philadelphia Movement International Festival, the Olympic Arts Festival in Los Angeles, The New York Clown Theatre Festival and Die Etage School in Berlin, Germany. Calder has also toured France with La Teatro De La Grappe, a commedia del

arte troupe. He was a three-year member of Re Cher Chez, a laboratory for avant garde performance.

A Bates faculty member, Pope.L is a visual and performance artist who makes culture out of contradiction. A graduate of Mason Gross School at Rutgers University, his most recent visual art work was a series of installationscatter pieces in Harlem and the Lower East Side of New York. In addition, he has a show currently open at Here Gallery, Here Performance Space, also in New York.

Pope.L's visual and street performance work were featured in the Spring 1996 issue of Bomb magazine. He has had solo exhibitions at Horodner Romley, Franklin Furnace and most recently at Amherst College. Pope.L has received many grants and awards for visual and performing arts, including a 1995 National Endowment for the Arts Fellowship for the Visual Arts.

The festival is sponsored by the Bates College Department of Theater and Rhetoric, Concerts Committee, Dean of Students, the Humanities Fund and the President's Discretionary Society.



Jim Calder, left, and William Pope.L as gynecologist cowboys in search of the "Male-grail" in their collaborative work, "The Buddy Project."

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Sports

Spring track brings home honors

By ERIKA COHEN
Staff Writer

The womens' track team had a strong spring season, with eight post season qualifiers. Led by captains Kate Osborne '99, Abby Phelps '98, Amethyst Hamlin '98, Amanda Bergstrom '98, and Erika Cohen '98, the young but enthusiastic team was spirited and motivated. With people like Anne Valentine '00 who repeatedly proclaimed "I love this sport!" the team was destined for success.

At the Division III Championships at Connecticut College on May 2-3, seniors Abby

Phelps and Erika Cohen both earned All New England Honors, Phelps in the 5000m and Cohen in the 10,000m. Phelps also ran the 10,000m the previous week at NESAC's,

qualifying provisionally for nationals with a time of 38:07.45. Freshmen Molly Metcalf, Lisa Waldron, and Ellen Humphrey made their mark at Division III's, revealing the talent that will lead the team in the future years. At the meet Ellen Humphrey '01 ran a season's best of 2:26.63 in the 800m.

Lisa Waldron made her mark in the triple jump with a season's best of 33'6 1/2 inches and Molly Metcalf qualified for ECAC's ear-

lier in the season at the Tufts Snowflake Classic with a throw of 113'04. Brooke Lawsing '01 also qualified for Division III's in the triple jump, with a mark of 32'1.

The sophomore and junior classes also had a strong presence at post season meets. Captain Kate Osborne '99 threw strong at Conn College and had a season's best earlier at Colby of 136'07. Sophomore Tracy Lyford ran the 400 hurdles at ECAC's in the rain, and hit a season's best of 68.72. Lyford has also received the Robert Plumb award for outstanding academic achievement and leadership. Jen Winslow '00 qualified for ECAC's and threw the Hammer

136'07. Jess Young '00 also qualified for Division II's with a time of 11:23.85 in the 3000m.

Other members of the team also ran strong and provided leadership, support, and dedication to the young team. These were juniors Becky Skarbek (mid-distance) and Lisa Dematteo (sprinter), as well as Meghan Goggins '01 (high jumper), and Meta Mason '01 (sprinter). The womens' track team had a strong season and will continue to be a force to reckon with in the future.

"I love this sport!"

Anne Valentine '00

"The womens' track team had a strong season and will continue to be a force to reckon with in the future."

Yes, hi.

View from the Cheap Seats...

By DAVE RICHTER
Sports Columnist

Ralph Waldo Emerson once said, "Talent writes with coffee. Genius writes with wine." If that's the only criteria for great writing, then this right here is going to win me a Pulitzer Prize.

Still, until quite recently I had no idea what to write about. There were no sports going on this week. Even if there was, the only team I've been watching is baseball, and I think I did enough brown nosing of them last issue. So I was sitting at my computer for a while, about to call the editors and tell them to forget about an article this week, when I get a call from my friend Dave asking me to come on as a ringer for his IM softball team. I figured it would be a good break from the extreme stress of short term so I thought, "why not?"

Now for those of you who don't know, a ringer is someone who comes on from out-

side the original roster in order to help the team out. The key word in that definition is "help" because I had a bit of trouble with that part. I've been practicing with the baseball team all spring, and thought I might be valuable to some team out there. I soon learned this would not be the case.

Back before spring break I was talking with Doctor Tom Rollins who said that IM softball is the greatest invention in world history. Personally, I am going to have to disagree with him. I think he forgot about a little something called Taco Day at Commons. I also am not too big on softball because for some pathetic reason I suck. If someone kept my batting average for all the scrimmages I played with the baseball team, it would have been higher than my average in the in-

tramural softball league. To put in perspective just how sad this is, I think it would be like a pro football player losing to local ten-year-olds in the punt-pass-kick competition.

I just found the ball is too damn big, and doesn't go anywhere when you hit it. Also, I still have no idea how you are supposed to hold a softball. Anyone who plays baseball, even in the little league, knows you hold the ball with two fingers and a thumb. Softballs are just too big for that. As a result my fielding also left a little something to be desired. By the end of the game there were a lot of people who first looked at me, then my Bates baseball hat, and their heads in disgust.

While I had my problems with certain aspects of IM softball, I still think it was a good time. I think my problem was that I was sober when I played. Softball is really the only sport that I know of that is specifically designed to play while drunk. From what I hear, it seems that the teams at the top of the standings are the ones who have realized this.

There are also other aspects that make this fun. Softball is the closest sport there is

to baseball. One of the reasons baseball is the best sport is that even a fan of many years can watch a game, and when they leave will have seen something they have never seen happen before. The same can be said about softball. At this game, I saw for the first time the second baseman throw a firecracker on second base. This caused the runner to leave the base so that she tagged out. The out was later reversed, but I think they should have counted it. This is the sport that brought you the spitball and the hidden ball trick. I see nothing wrong with a little gunpowder in the infield.

Still I hope everyone had fun, and played a bit better than I did. I'd also like to thank everyone who read my column this year. It's been fun to write, but more fun to see how much other people enjoy it. Keep reading next year. Some possible columns include "The Art of Hitting by Shirl Penney" and "Gourmet Eating with Kevin Walsh".

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Ralph Waldo Emerson

A few notes for the last issue....since this is my last PSA, I thought I'd make it big. Thanks to all of you who wrote for the Sports section this year...Kudos to the new Sports Editor....have fun in the newspaper room while I'm chillin' in Chile.... watch out for the couch-it's tainted. The Spudent is coming out next week...so read it. Write for The Student.

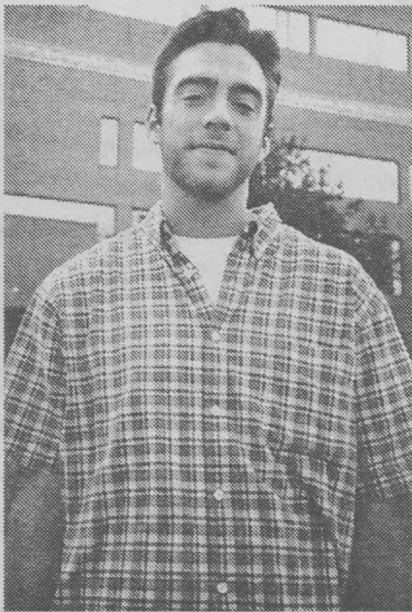
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Who should speak at next year's commencement?



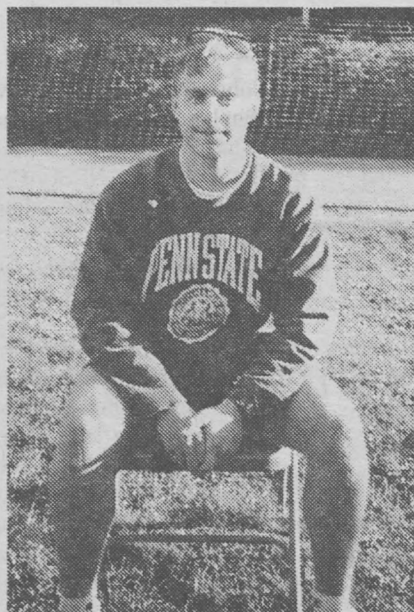
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Tim Leach '98



"Cartman"

John Schultz '99



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